# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP
# LOK SABHA

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**Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the Government proposes to promote innovative ideas, concepts and practices including Hydro based incombustion Engine and such types of products/innovations under the skill development and entrepreneur schemes and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the number of proposals received by the Government from the researchers/innovators and skilled persons during each of the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise;

(c) whether the Government proposes to invite such innovators/promoters who have registered their research/innovations in patent offices across the country; and

(d) if so, the details thereof along with the steps being taken by the Government in this regard?

## Answer

(a) to (d) The National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC), a Public Private Partnership (PPP) entity under the Ministry of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship, has a dedicated Innovation Fund that aims to support and provide financial assistance to innovative concepts, models and corrective solutions pertinent to Skill Development across multiple sectors.
NSDC has received over 200 applications over the last three years from various parts of the Country. In particular NSDC, through the NSDC Innovations for Skills Challenge, 2014, received 169 verified applications, seeking funding assistance and partnership. Out of these applications, 14 winners were selected based on a rigorous selection process for funding assistance under the funding guidelines.
Since financial year-2012-13, NSDC has approved funding assistance to 13 such innovative proposals, including 5 winners from the Innovation Challenge, with a total commitment of approximately Rs. 50.77 crore.
Further, the Ministry has currently no proposal to invite innovators/promoters registering their research/innovations in patent offices across the Country.